

(b) Remarks:

The claims are 1-10 with claims 1 and 7-9 and 9 being independent. The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to a structured material; Group II, claims 7 and 8, drawn to a magnetic recording medium and apparatus and Group III, claims 9 and 10, drawn to a method making a magnetic recording medium.

In response, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a structured material.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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